

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Hartmut REICH-SPRENGER  
Serial No. : 10/505,254  
For : GETTER METAL ALLOY COATING AND DEVICE AND  
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF  
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Examiner : Joel G. Horning  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, setting a three-month period for response ending December 30, 2008, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.